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BJB2: Hi, Michael.

MichaelVW: hello

BJB2: are you here for CyberSavvy Kids?

MichaelVW: yes

MichaelVW: are we all that will be here?

BJB2: cool. Hopefully, Nancy will be here shortly

BJB2: never know, Michael. still a few minutes till the event starts

ThomasMM joined the room.

BJB2: hi, Thomas. Welcome

BJB2: are you here for cyber savvy kids?

ThomasMM: Yes

BJB2: great. We're waiting for Nancy to arrive

BJB2 crosses her fingers that Nancy wasn't swallowed by the overwork monster!

BJB2: have either of you ever met or talked with Nancy Willard?

ThomasMM: This is my first Tapped In session other than private discussions

BJB2 . o O (she posts frequently to the wwwedu listserv)

MichaelVW: nope, this is my second time on here

BJB2: ahh...then welcome, Thomas!

BJB2: a suggestion since you're new to the TI chat...

BJB2: go to actions in the top right of your chat screen

ThomasMM: I am technology coordinator for Shaw HS

BJB2: and click on DETACH

BJB2: That will make your chat window larger and easier to read

ThomasMM: Yes, the larger screen is much nicer. Thanks

MichaelVW: cool, learned something new

BJB2 chuckles. We can always find something to do if Nancy is late

ThomasMM: I thought that detached would just make me seem... aloof

BJB2 laughs

ThomasMM: giggles

BJB2: ok...emoting lesson

BJB2 . o O (teachable moment)

BJB2: start the line with a colon followed by the action

BJB2: to wave type :waves

BJB2 jumps over the moon

MichaelVW lights up a smoke

BJB2 nods to Michael...you got it

ThomasMM: Is this the mother goose session?

MichaelVW: huh?

BJB2 grins. No, but we can usually integrate just about anything into a teachable moment

ThomasMM: I thought it was the cow that jumped over the moon

BJB2 nods solemnly...Tapped In used to be MOO based

ThomasMM: they milked it for all it was worth?

BJB2: that's about it, Thomas!

ThomasMM: That was udderly ridiculous

BJB2: the MOO platform wasn't scaleable enough for what they wanted to do with the interface

BJB2 groans

ThomasMM: and MOO stands for...?

BJB2: MultiUser Object Oriented

BJB2: original language used by gamers...dungeons and dragons stuff

ThomasMM: Multiuser Object Oriented COWS???

BJB2 . o O (fire breathing cows)

ThomasMM: Oh, the ones with horns

BJB2: right

BJB2: the current interface no longer uses the MOO language

BJB2: so Tapped In has become a MUVE

ThomasMM: I was involved in writing some of the original computer adventure games in 1970

BJB2: cool, Thomas

MichaelVW: Thomas, where in LA is Marrero

ThomasMM: We wrote them mostly in assembly language!

ThomasMM: just across the river from New Orleans

MichaelVW: ok

MichaelVW: I have some relatives near New Orleans

MichaelVW: Slidell

ThomasMM: Does the VW in Michael stand for VolksWagon?

MichaelVW: not quite

ThomasMM: I have some friends in Slidell

MichaelVW: V is for my middle name W is for my last name

ThomasMM: Your last name is W???

MichaelVW: Weaver

ThomasMM: Sounds Scottish...

MichaelVW: British actually

ThomasMM: What do you weave?

MichaelVW: close enough

MichaelVW: webs, lol

ThomasMM: The Scots don't think so!

MichaelVW: that is true

ThomasMM: Braveheart rolled over in his grave

BJB2 . o O (another teachable moment...although one of you already knows how to do this, I think)

BJB2: you can click one time on a name under the HERE or ONLINE tab to the left of this chat window

BJB2: and then click on the green i

MichaelVW . o O (this?)

BJB2: to ID a person

BJB2: if you want to ID me, use the ONLINE tab and BJB

BJB2 . o O (not **BJB2**...she's a slacker)

MichaelVW: I id'd you earlier

BJB2: then you're the one who knows how to do that, Michael

BJB2 hopes Michael ID'd BJB and not **BJB2**

MichaelVW: you might need to come to my school, we have lots of kids who get visits from their probation officers

ThomasMM: Theyt have me down as Thomas MM I am actually Fr. Thomas McGahee

MichaelVW: A SCOT!!!

BJB2: the system gives you the username of your real first name/last initial

MichaelVW: Beam me up!

ThomasMM: AN IRISHPERSON!!!

MichaelVW: woops

ThomasMM: and on St Paddy's day

MichaelVW: I have my green on!

MichaelVW: so how about we kick off this topic?

ThomasMM: I'm wearing black

BJB2: sounds good, Michael

ThomasMM: let's get moving

BJB2 . o O (this is where you can probably teach me a lot)

MichaelVW: or do we need to wait for Nancy?

ThomasMM: Why wait

PeggyBe joined the room.

BJB2: Hi, Peggy. Welcome

ThomasMM: Hello

PeggyBe: Hello, this is the first time I have tried this.

BJB2: we don't have to wait for Nancy. Did you have some specific questions?

MichaelVW: I am looking at the topic right now

PeggyBe: What are we talking about?

BJB2: Peggy, this discussion is scheduled to be on CyberSavvy Kids

BJB2: . o O (which includes internet safety, cyberbullying, etc.)

MichaelVW: I have a question...

BJB2 listens to Michael

MichaelVW: is there a site kids can go to for images that will not pop up nudity?

ThomasMM: There are a lot of kid friendly sites

BJB2 agrees with Thomas...but....

MichaelVW: if you use a Google search and type in almost any female name under images, you will get some form of T&A

BJB2: as educators, we should teach our kids how to search safely...

PeggyBe: Can't you put filters on so that nudity will be blocked?

BJB2: and what to do if they come across an inappropriate site

ThomasMM: Filterws don't trap everything

MichaelVW: unfortunately, this seems to be immune to blocking

MichaelVW: unless you block out the entire site

BJB2: kids quickly learn how to get around filters...so that is not a long term solution

BJB2: take a look at <http://responsiblenetizen.org/>

ThomasMM: They use terms and names for their files that seem innocuous

BJB2: this is the site run by Nancy Willard who is supposed to be the discussion leader today

BJB2: . o O (click on the url...if you have a pop up blocker, hold down the ctrl key)

BJB2: what do you feel our role as educators is?

PeggyBe: We can teach them what to do when they get to an inappropriate site but I think the natural curiosity of kids will cause them to look even when they know they shouldn't

ThomasMM: At a certain level we educators have to protect the kids against themselves

MichaelVW: I have had kids just doing basic research and they have stumbled on this kind of stuff

MichaelVW: most ignore it and move on, some will try to blow up the images

BJB2 nods...that will happen. Is this something that should be included in an AUP?

ThomasMM: That is the major problem with letting kids loose on the internet... lots of bad stuff waiting to grab them

BJB2 . o O (acceptable Use Policy)

MichaelVW: we have those

MichaelVW: unfortunately the consequences do not deter them

ThomasMM: I deal with juniors and seniors in high school. Left to themselves they gravitate towards the nastier stuff

BJB2: should we let them 'loose' or should we provide online experiences that actively engage the learner so they are guided in their searches

MichaelVW: like webquests?

BJB2 nods to Michael.

BJB2: are you familiar with Bernie Dodge?

ThomasMM: Most assuredly, guidance... but you can't prevent them from wandering...

MichaelVW: he was on here not too long ago

MichaelVW: recently at a seminar in AZ

BJB2: Bernie is one of the creators of WebQuests. He leads a monthly discussion here

BJB2: His next session is on Experiencing a WQ

MichaelVW: i am working on one of those right now for a class

BJB2 . o O (March 24, 7pm EST)

BJB2: cool, Michael.

BJB2: what else can we do to actively engage our students?

MichaelVW: Thomas, are you in a parochial school

ThomasMM: Yes

MichaelVW . o O (I hope I spelled that right)

ThomasMM: our internet use is heavily censored

ThomasMM: yet we still get a LOT of junk

BJB2: I would hope that another one of our jobs as educators is to teach children to take responsibility for their actions

MichaelVW: do you feel your students are less inclined due to more morality being taught?

BJB2 listens to Thomas' response

ThomasMM: At that age, the hormones kick in, and it doesn't matter if you are in a public or private school

MichaelVW: lol

MichaelVW: true

BJB2 chortles....I wouldn't be a teen again for all the tea in China!

JeffC joined the room.

BJB2 waves hi to Jeff

ThomasMM: just in time for tea

JeffC waves

JeffC: No Nancy today?

BJB2: no

BJB2 . o O (I know she's been incredibly busy with a book and some TV interviews)

MichaelVW: Jeff, were you in the tips and tricks session earlier?

ThomasMM: I think it helps if you give the students a lot of direction, a list of good sights to visit... like in a webquest

JeffC: Yes Michael... I was lurking there... I'm also on Helpdesk here.

BJB2: ahhh..you took Maggi's tips and tricks, Michael.

MichaelVW: yes ma'am

BJB2 nods to Thomas

BJB2: we're talking about cybersavvy kids, Jeff...

BJB2: safety, responsibility, etc

ThomasMM: You can't force people to do the right thing, but you can give them direction

BJB2: apparently there is much concern (rightly so) about cyber bullying

MichaelVW: fill me in on that one

BJB2: where kids post cruel things in chat rooms or on webpages...

MichaelVW: i am not familiar with that term

BJB2: about peers or about teachers

MichaelVW: oh

ThomasMM: Yes, some people get very belligerent online... they feel it is OK to do

MichaelVW: brb, gotta change a diaper

MichaelVW: must be a #2

BJB2 nods to Thomas...that is pretty much where I was heading when I mentioned taking responsibility for your actions

ThomasMM: you wear diapers?

BJB2 hands Michael a clothespin

ThomasMM: for his nose

BJB2 nods

ThomasMM: Teaching responsibility is the major thing

BJB2: you might want to look at the papers page on Nancy's site:
<http://responsiblenetizen.org/onlinedocs/index.html>

ThomasMM: The students will mimic what they see others doing, including bullying

BJB2 thinks that is very sad.

ThomasMM: Even good kids will act in uncool ways if they think it is "IN"

MichaelVW: so what if they are doing it from home instead of school?

BJB2 nods.

MichaelVW: what is popular is not always right, what is right is not always popular

BJB2: exactly, Michael....we can 'control' to a degree school behavior...

ThomasMM: Hopefully what we educate them in extends beyond the school

BJB2: perfect completion of my sentence, Thomas

MichaelVW: in our school, kids cannot get on the Internet unless a teacher signs them in

ThomasMM: I know that I am an educator because ultimately I want to make a difference in the quality of life for my students

MichaelVW: at that point, the teacher is responsible for watching what goes on

ThomasMM: It is hard to watch everything that is going on...

MichaelVW: too true

MichaelVW: we do have filters for most of the content

ThomasMM: If we get the kids really involved in something it turns their minds away from all the junk stuff at least for a while

ThomasMM: We have to direct them along lines that engage their attention

MichaelVW: when I worked for Cingular Wireless, we were only allowed access to certain sites, maybe this form of an intranet would be the way to go

BJB2: here are some resources for you <http://www.childnet-int.org/safety/teachers.aspx>

MichaelVW: however, it may be too constricting

ThomasMM: One of the beauties of the internet is the wide range of things available

MichaelVW: I agree

ThomasMM: But not everything is appropriate , especially for a child

MichaelVW: that is also one of its downfalls

BJB2: when should internet safety be taught?

BJB2 . o O (at what age?)

ThomasMM: Never too early

MichaelVW: I would think as soon as they are able to understand the concept

BJB2: I have a three year old grandson who already knows how to log on to the computer

BJB2 . o O (and access his game sites)

ThomasMM: There are some sites that entice the kids in and then expose them to bad things

JeffC: I have a folder on Internet Safety and Tutorials that might interest you at <http://www.mybookmarks.com/public/coops>

BJB2: thanks, Jeff

ThomasMM: It's like when you take kids on a field trip... you have to give them direction and supervision along with the freedom

MichaelVW: gracias

ThomasMM: The group mentioned webquests earlier... a good example of supervised roaming

BJB2 agrees with Thomas.

BJB2: www.webquest.org

MichaelVW: Another thing that helps our school is that we are on a Mac platform

MichaelVW: we do not get hit with the pop-ups and spyware that PC's do

JeffC afks

ThomasMM: Yet

BJB2: we also have Macs at school. But we use PCs at home

BJB2: I'm starting to get spam in my emails

ThomasMM: The very software that gives our kids great freedom is something like a loaded gun

BJB2: Leni is here to lead the Library of Congress Learning Page Chat on Women's History

BJB2 . o O (if you need great primary sources for your students)

BJB2: I think we discussed a lot of important issues...not sure if we SOLVED any problems though

ThomasMM: A note in EDTECH mentioned Harvard, I believe as opening up their resources on women in history

MichaelVW: lol, once something is solved, another issue pops up

BJB2: but thank you for your participation, Michael and Thomas.

MichaelVW: thank you

ThomasMM: It was nice talking with y'all

BJB2: hopefully, Nancy will be able to make next month's discussion

MichaelVW: adios folks

BJB2: you're right, of course, Michael

ThomasMM: I think I'll call it quits for tonight

BJB2 waves goodnight to Thomas. Nice meeting you